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For: BACKFLUSHABLE FILTERING
APPARATUS FOR MOLTEN
MATERIAL AND DISTRIBUTION
UNIT FOR A FILTER DEVICE OF THIS
TYPE

Customer No.: 20350

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.